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The following information was obtained in Potsdam (M 53/4 64):

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1. a. four caterpillar tractors towing 180-mm artillery pieces moved into the Artillerie Kaserne on Nedlitzerstrasse on 16 december 1949 (1).

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- b. a two-star general, riding 25X1A was repeatedly observed at the headquarters building on Pappellallee in mid-december 1949.

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For several months units in the former Artillerie Kaserne, Nedlitz, have been exchanged every four weeks. The units, artillery units of 600 to 800 men, left the Kaserne at night, allegedly going to a camp in the woods in Mecklenburg. The Kaserne was occupied by an artillery unit with 183-mm guns on 2 January 1950 (2).

- d. The former Kavallerie Schule, Krampnitz (M 53/4 64), was occupied by 800 to 1,000 artillery troops on 2 January 1950. (3)

- e. The Soviet dependents living on Hessestrasse and Weinmeisterstrasse were observed to leave. Some of the dependents said that they would be entrained in Rathenow and at the Schlesischer Bahnhof, Berlin, for repatriation to the Soviet Union. (4).

2. a. Former Adolf Hitler Kaserne.

Thirty-five officers, including a major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and a colonel wearing black-bordered red epaulets with artillery insignia, left the Kaserne on 25 January 1950 at 3.p.m. Some officers, including medical

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officers, wore green cap ribbons. The officers allegedly attended a training course which reportedly started in early January 1950 (4).

b. The general vacated his billets, bordered by Weinmeisterstrasse, Albrechtstrasse, Kirbachstrasse and Landhausstrasse, in early January 1950. Furniture, boxes and luggage were hauled by trucks to the Schlesischer Bahnhof, Berlin, or to Rathenow. The billets are scheduled to be cleared by October 1950. However, a guard detachment of 150 troops was still located in the generals' billets (5).

c. Babelsberg supply depot.

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The depot allegedly supplied depots in Templin, Grabow (APN 53/400), Wildpark/West, Glienicker Forst and in the Schwerin area. [REDACTED] belonging to Motor Pool APN 68 061 made supply runs for the depot (6).

d. Restricted area north of Potsdam.

Large cantonments are on the northern shore of Jungfern Lake between Schwarzer Berg and Heemerschanze, particularly around Schwarzer Berg. pontoons were observed on the shore of Jungfern Lake (7).

3. pelius kaserne on Hedlitzerstrasse

a. Artillery unit, allegedly a brigade of about 1,000 men, wearing red-bordered black epauletts and artillery insignia. The brigade allegedly has APN 24 515 and is commanded by col Andrej or Andre.

young officers allegedly belonged to the 1928 class, NCOs to the 1924 class and EN to the 1931 and 1932 classes.

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The unit was equipped with 172-mm guns moved by caterpillar tractors, 12 88 mm guns of unknown caliber and motor vehicles [REDACTED]

An ammunition dump belonging to the artillery unit was on Bornstedter Feld, opposite the northern section of the kaserne.

b. Engineer unit, of which only a rear detail was in the kaserne, most of the unit allegedly having left for exercises on the Elbe river on 15 January 1950.

A fuel and ammunition dump belonging to the engineer unit was on Bornstedter Feld, opposite the southern section of the kaserne.

A letter bearing APN 44 635 was found in the kaserne section occupied by the engineer unit (2).

c. All units whose German employees are paid by the Kech office allegedly are the regular occupation troops, and those units, including the artillery brigade, which pay their employees themselves are allegedly in excess of the authorized strength.

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